

**FREE
CLASSES!**

The Outdoor Campus-West
South Dakota Department of
Game, Fish and Parks

Community Programs



Fall 2013

Registration Information



Program Registration Opens:
for September, October & November
on August 15

Youth programs are **free**. Certain adult programs may have a materials fee.

Thank a hunter or angler for supporting our education efforts!

Pre-registration is required for all classes and programs.

There are 2 ways to pre-register for classes at The Outdoor Campus-West:

1. Surf to our website at www.outdoorcampus.org
Click "Rapid City".
2. If you have problems, call us at 394-2310.

Many programs fill quickly. PLEASE call us or cancel on the website as soon as possible if you cannot attend a class.

Watch for POP UP Programs! If we have an opening, we'll add a class. Watch our Facebook and Twitter pages for these special additions.

Preschool Programs

Sprouts (3-4 year olds)

Nature awareness programs for preschoolers and their adult partner.

The goal of the Sprouts program is to introduce young children to the outdoors in a fun, active and non-threatening environment.



Looking at Leaves

Practice your observation skills by comparing leaves using four senses. Play a game, learn a song and make a craft using leaves found on a hike around the Campus.

Age: Preschoolers age 3-4 plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday Sept 11 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Saturday Sept 14 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Fishing Fun

Learn about SD fish through hands-on activities. Children will be able to identify fish in the aquarium at the Campus, and look at different lures and baits used to catch them. We will play fun fishing games but not actually fish in the pond in this class.

Age: Preschoolers age 3-4 plus adult partner

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday Sept 25 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Saturday Sept 28 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Pine Cone Craft

Come and let your little one create a pine cone craft with our volunteer, Kazumi.

Age: Preschoolers age 3-4 plus adult partner

Class date:

Friday Sept 20 10-10:45 a.m.

Preschool Programs cont...

Sprouts (3-4 year olds)

Horns or Antlers?

Compare similarities and differences between horns and antlers. Hike through the exhibits and identify the animals with horns or antlers!

Age: Preschoolers age 3-4 plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday Oct 9 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Saturday Oct 12 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Pumpkins & Seeds

Experience the feel and smell of a pumpkin and its seeds. Create your own pumpkin window hanger.

Age: Preschoolers age 3-4 plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday Oct 23 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Saturday Oct 26 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Leaf Art

Come and let your little one learn collect and create using leaves found on the Campus with our volunteer, Kazumi.

Age: Preschoolers age 3-4 plus adult partner

Class date:

Friday Oct 18 10-10:45 a.m.

“T” is for Turkeys

Learn what makes turkeys special and what they like to eat.

Age: Preschoolers age 3-4 plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday Nov 6 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Saturday Nov 9 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Let's Go Hunting!

Join us on a “hunt” for turkeys and deer. Take a hike on the trail to find tracks and sign. Use the Nerf guns and bows to shoot at the deer and turkey targets.

Age: Preschoolers age 3-4 plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday Nov 20 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Saturday Nov 23 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Preschool Programs cont...

Sprouts (3-4 year olds)

Nature Mobile

Come and let your little one collect items to make a mobile with our volunteer, Kazumi.

Age: Preschoolers age 3-4 plus adult partner

Class date:

Friday Nov 15 10-10:45 a.m.

And for the younger ones...

Nature Story Time

Join us on a reading adventure as we explore our nature library. We will read stories each month about animals, nature, children in the outdoors and lots more.

Age: 1-4 years with adult partner

Class dates:

Monday	Sept 16	9-9:30 a.m.	Leaves
Monday	Oct 21	9-9:30 a.m.	Owls
Monday	Nov 18	9-9:30 a.m.	Nocturnal Animals



Young Naturalist Programs

Age: (5-7 year olds)

Nature awareness programs for 5-7 year olds! Parents are encouraged to stay for the program.



The goal of the Young Naturalist program is to teach youth about South Dakota's natural environment and resources.

Signs of Fall

Explore the signs of autumn as we hike the trails observing leaves and seeds. Make a fun craft with what we collect along the way.

Age: 5-7 years

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Sept 14 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Fishing Fun

Learn about SD fish and basic fishing skills. Practice your casting skills in the Campus pond. Bring your lucky fishing hat and sunglasses. **Closed-toed shoes are required of all participants.**

Age: 5-7 years

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Sept 28 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

B-B-B Bats!

Learn about these fascinating, furry fliers. Sing a fun song and make a bat craft to take home!

Age: 5-7 years

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Oct 12 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Pumpkins & Seeds

Experience the feel and smell of a pumpkin and its seeds. Create your own pumpkin window hanger.

Age: 5-7 years

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Oct 26 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Young Naturalist Programs Continued...

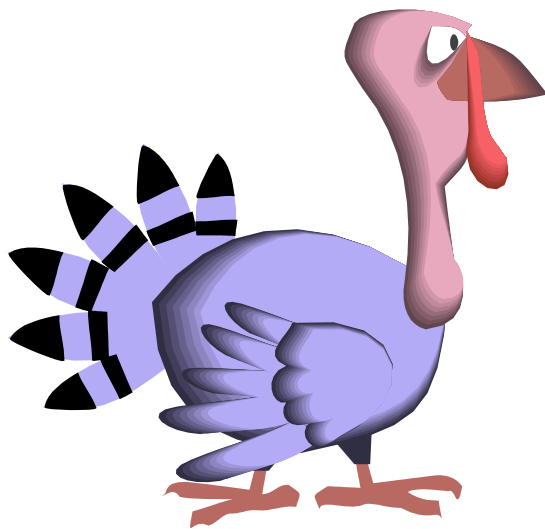
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Age: 5-7 years

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Nov 23 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.



We are always adding new and fun classes that are scheduled after this booklet is released! Follow our Facebook page or sign up for email notifications for Pop-up classes!

Jr. Naturalist Programs

Age (8-12 yr olds)

Nature adventure program for 8-12 year olds.

The goal of the Junior Naturalist program is to teach students about South Dakota's natural environment and its inhabitants through interactive games and activities. Trained staff will teach fishing and hunting skills and ethics, and nature programs first in the classroom and then students will practice them outside.

Fishing Basics

Class will discuss basic equipment, safety, and ethics before heading out to the pond to try your luck. Bring your lucky fishing hat and sunglasses. **Closed-toed shoes are suggested for all participants.**

Age: 8-12 years

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Sept 7 10-11:00 a.m.

11-12:00 p.m.

1-2:00 p.m.

2-3:00 p.m.



BB Gun Basics

Learn basic gun safety, shooting positions and techniques. Your shooting skills and safe gun handling will improve with every shot.

Age: 8–10 year olds in a.m. and 10-12 years in p.m.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Sept 21 or Nov 16 10-11:00 a.m.

11-12:00 p.m.

1-2:00 p.m.

2-3:00 p.m.

Archery Basics

Ever wanted to try hunting with a bow? Trained staff will teach you how to shoot a compound bow and practice your marksmanship on our 3-D animal or bulls-eye targets.

Age: 8-10 years in a.m. 10-12 years in p.m.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday October 5 10-11:30 am. OR 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Jr. Naturalist Programs cont...

Age (8-12 year olds)

B-B-B Bats!

Discover the world of bats! What do they eat, where do they live, and what good are they?

Age: 8-12 years

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Oct 19 10-11:30 a.m. OR 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Terrific Turkeys

Explore how to identify the difference between hen and gobblers. Learn about turkey habitat, what their calls mean and much more.

Age: 8-12 years

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Nov 32 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

BB Gun Basics

Learn basic gun safety, shooting positions and techniques. Your shooting skills and safe gun handling will improve with every shot.

Age: 8–10 years in a.m. OR 10-12 years in p.m.

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Nov 16 10-11:00 a.m.
11-12:00 p.m.
1-2:00 p.m.
2-3:00 p.m.

Outdoor Adventure Day!

Come to the Campus for an afternoon of fun on early release days. Try out some awesome activities like fishing, climbing, hiking, archery or bb gun shooting. Come prepared to be outside!

Participants must pre-register.

Age: 8–12

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday Sept 18 2-4:00 p.m.
Wednesday Oct 9 2-4:00 p.m.
Wednesday Nov 6 2-4:00 p.m.

Family Programs

(all ages unless otherwise listed)



Family Nature Hike

Take an evening hike guided by Campus naturalists to experience the sight, sounds and smells of fall. Dress for the weather.

Age: all ages

Class date:

Friday	Sept 20	6-7:30 p.m.
Friday	Oct 11	6-7:00 p.m.
Friday	Nov 8	6-7:00 p.m.

Walleye 101

Find out what you need to know to catch walleyes in the fall. Learn different types of presentations you can use to catch a walleye from a boat in the Missouri River system, Angostura or Orman Dam.

Age: 16 years and up

Class date:

Tuesday	Sept 24	6-8:00 p.m.
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Family Fishing

Staff will teach you basic fishing skills, safety and ethics and then let you try your luck at fishing. Bring your lucky fishing hat. Participants should wear closed-toed shoes. All attending family members must be registered!

Age: Families; 4 years and up; under 16 with an adult

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Thursday	Sept 19	6-7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Sept 24	6-7:30 p.m.

Family Programs cont...

(all ages unless otherwise listed)

Paddling

Learn the basics of flat-water paddling in canoes and kayaks. Course includes basic safety, paddling strokes, and hands-on practice at our pond. Wear shoes and clothes that can get wet!

Age: 8+ years to paddle solo, 4+ years to ride with adult (canoe)

Class date:

Saturday Sept 28 10-12:00 p.m. OR 1-3:00 p.m.

BB Gun Challenge

Learn basic gun safety, shooting positions and techniques. Your shooting skills and safe gun handling will improve with every shot. We'll top off the evening with a fun team shooting competition. Both shooters **MUST** register.

Age: Pairs of 1 adult and one child age 8 and up

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Thursday Oct 10 6-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday Nov 26 6-7:30 p.m.

Climbing

Take your turn scaling our portable climbing wall. All safety equipment will be provided. Sturdy shoes (no sandals!) such as hiking or tennis shoes only.

Age: 8 and up

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

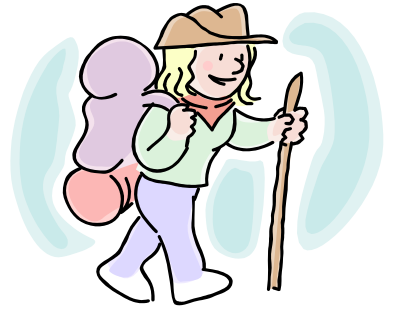
Saturday Oct 12 10-11:00 a.m.

11-12:00 p.m.

1-2:00 p.m.

Adult Programs

These programs are designed for adults, ages 18 and up. Please do not bring children under 18 to these classes.



Dutch Oven Cooking

Learn the basics of cooking with a Dutch oven, and the special care needed for cast iron cookware. All materials will be supplied for some yummy recipes, so come hungry! Class will include taste testing of recipes!

Age: Adult

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Thursday Sept 19 5:30-8:00 p.m. OR

Thursday Oct 17 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Cooking Dove and Wild Game Appetizers

Learn field care and preparation from Chef Jeff Olson. Class will include taste testing of recipes!

Age: Adult

Class date:

Tuesday Sept 17 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Cooking Upland Game

Learn field care and preparation from Chef Jeff Olson. Class will include taste testing of recipes!

Age: Adult

Class date:

Tuesday Oct 15 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Cooking Venison

Learn field care and preparation from Chef Jeff Olson. Class will include taste testing of recipes!

Age: Adult

Class date:

Adult Programs cont...

(18 and up)

Hunting Dog Safety

Learn how to keep your dog physically fit for hunting and first aid that can be used in the field. Dr. Curtis Stonecipher will share his expertise. Your dog will love you for coming to this class, but please do not bring dogs to class.

Age: Adult

Class date:

Friday Sept 6 6-8:00 p.m.

Predator Calling 101

Learn how to locate predators, calling techniques, proper rifle to use, camouflage and other necessary equipment for calling predators. How to take care of fur after the hunt will be covered also. Learn from Dan Turgeon, GFP Wildlife Damage Specialist with 36 years experience.

Age: 18 years and up

Class date:

Thursday Oct 24 6-8:00 p.m.

Trapping 101

This class will cover basic trapping techniques, types of traps, how to prepare a trap and types of baits and lures used. Learn about this management tool from Dan Turgeon, GFP Wildlife Damage Specialist with 36 years experience.

Age: 18 years and up

Class date:

Tuesday Nov 5 6-8:00 p.m.

NOTE: Please remember to cancel your registration if you are unable to attend. This will allow others the opportunity to participate. Cancel by going online to the registration system or by calling 394-2310. Thank you!

Adult Programs cont...

(18 and up)

Waterfowl Hunting for Beginners

Learn techniques, rules and regulation and equipment needed to successfully hunt waterfowl in SD. Jim Good, Outdoor Campus Volunteer, will share his years of experience and knowledge.

Age: 18 years and up

Class date:

Tuesday Oct 22 6-8:00 p.m.

Basic Photography

This class is designed to help people who are new to photography and/or digital cameras. Learn what all of the buttons, menus and options mean! Bring your camera and manual and specific questions that you would like answered. Volunteer Ted Ayers will help you make the most of your photo opportunities.

Age: 18 years and up

Class date:

Wednesday Nov 13 6-8:00 p.m.

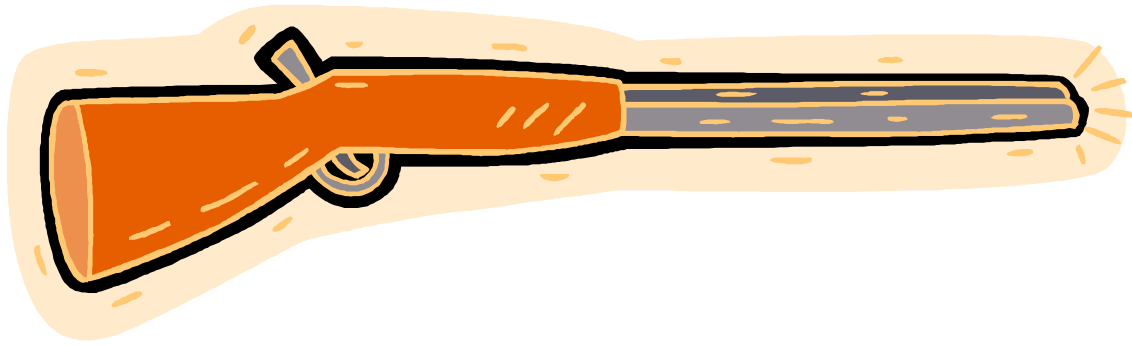
Advanced Photography

This class will include detailed discussion of shutter speed, aperture and ISO and the advantages and disadvantages of each in terms of image quality. Discussion will also cover lens/camera options for various types of photography, i.e. landscape, nature and macro. Bring your camera and manual and specific questions that you would like answered. Volunteer Ted Ayers will help you make the most of your photo opportunities.

Age: 18 years and up

Class date:

Wednesday Nov 20 6-8:00 p.m.



HuntSAFE Classes

State law requires that juveniles 12 through 15 years of age successfully complete a HuntSAFE course before they can obtain a SD hunting license. The course is open to both youth & adults. All materials and firearms will be provided. Students will receive a HuntSAFE completion card. Students **MUST** attend the 3 dates at The Outdoor Campus-West.

Age: Participant must be age 12 by 12/31/13 **Class size:** 60

Class dates: MUST attend all 3 dates

Tuesday	Sept 10	5:30-9 p.m.
Wednesday	Sept 11	6-9 p.m.
Thursday	Sept 12	6-9 p.m.

Have you heard about our Group Programs?! The Outdoor Campus-West staff can provide a program just for you & your group. All you need is at least 10 people who want to do a program together! Grab an orange Group Program Brochure for more information on booking your own program!

NOTE: Please remember to cancel your registration if you are unable to attend. This will allow others the opportunity to participate. Cancel by going online to the registration system or by calling 394-2310. Thank you!



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